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RED-LINE VERSION OF THE AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph at page 1, line 2, prior to the section entitled "Background of the Invention":

--This continuation application claims priority to the U.S. non-provisional application No. 09/041,433 filed March 12, 1998, by the inventor as the instant application. Application No. 09/041,433 is incorporated herein by reference for background information.--